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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Secretary of State
10 March 1977

1. The Secretary of State requests that we have someone work with Hal Saunders to establish a document concerning the relationship between the Regional Assistant Secretaries of State and INR and CIA. This document would be analogous to the one we have been negotiating between Chiefs of Station and Ambassadors.

2. The Secretary of State agreed that he would be working out ways to get us additional sensitive political cables.

4. We agreed that we would look at ways to determine whether specific clandestine collection activities should be reviewed by the SCC. We both agreed that it would be desirable to establish rules that were so restrictive that we would have unnecessary exposure.

5. Secretary of State indicated that there are times when CIA sends studies to Congress, some of them unclassified, with foreign policy implications. Occasionally these studies resulted in questions to the State Department from the Congress. We should work out some way to alert the State Department in advance and/or coordinate the delivery of these arguments.

6. Secretary of State also said that he had been informed that occasionally we had press backgrounders at the CIA and that these often resulted in the press men coming to State Department claiming that the facts given by the CIA were different than the facts the State Department claimed it was basing its policy on.

7. We discussed today's meeting of the SCC on SALT with particular reference to the verification problems. I told the Secretary that I would come to the Saturday meeting with a sug-

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gestion as to possible new approaches for the verification of cruise missiles. The idea would be to find some measure between outside inspection and current verification techniques which we could propose at least as a bargaining chip.

8. I informed the Secretary of State about our meeting with the President and his indication of a strong desire to be involved in the process of establishing intelligence requirements. We both agreed this was a highly desirable thing. I agreed that we would take the lead in this by developing a draft set of priorities which we would work with both State and Defense on before taking up to the President. The Secretary and I both agreed, however, that once this had been worked out we probably would have to have a meeting with SecDef, SecState, DCI, and possibly others.

9. Secretary of State reported that he had received the word that CIA would be working under an NSC Directive to collect information on human rights activities around the world. I informed him that that was an erroneous interpretation of comments I had made to press the previous morning. What I said was simply that I wanted to be sure we were feeding to the President any reports of adverse reaction by free world leaders to the Administration's stand on human rights issues. I simply was indicating that I did not want the President to receive only favorable information if unfavorable information also existed. I assured the Secretary that we were not starting some new program to collect information about the way in which other countries are performing themselves in the human rights field.

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